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From

Bishop-Hatfield


IN

HERTFORD-SHIRE,

January the 25 1680.



*Being a Relation of Elizabeth Freeman, a single Woman, aged about one and thirty years, Daughter to Elizabeth Freeman of Bishop-Hatfield in the County of Hertford Widdow; taken before Sr. Joseph Jordan, Knight, and Richard Lee, D. D. Rector of Hatfield, and Chaplain in ordinary to his Majesty*

 First, she gives an account, that on Monday at night, being January the twenty fourth, 1680. she sitting by her Mothers fireside, between five and six of the Clock in the Evening, with a Child in her lap, she heard a Voice behind her, which mildly said, *Sweet-heart: Whereupon she turning her Face about, saw an appearance of a Woman, as she conceived, all in White, covered with a white Vail, so that she saw no Face, but a very white Hand, was laid on the back of her Chair, The Apparition further said to her. The fiftenth Day of May it is appointed for the Royal Blood to be poisoned, and said likewise, be not afraid, I am sent to tell thee, and so vanished.*

Secondly, That on Tuesday, January the twentyfifth, 1680. between five and

and six at night, coming to her Mothers from a friends house, being within four or five Pole of the door, the Apparition appeared to her again in white and vailed as before, and said, *Do you remember what I said?* and she answered, *yes*. And that young woman she further said, *In the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, what art thou?* and immediately it appeared in a very glorious shape, and with a more harsh voice, said, *Tell King Charles from me and bid him not remove his Parliament, and stand to his Council,* and said likewise, *Do as I bid you*, to which the young woman answered, *yes*, and so the Apparition vanished.

Thirdly On *Wednesday, January* the twentyeth sixth 1680. between the said hours of five and six in the evening she sitting by the fire, and her Mother sitting by her, the said Apparition came again to her; at the sight whereof she could not spake, and her Mother perceiving her to be troubled, said to her Daughter, *seest thou any thing?* The Daughter not able to speake, noded with her head; whereat her Mother said, *shall I goe out?* and thereupon her Daughter being inabled to speak, (the Apparition nodding to her,) said, *yes*; upon which her Mother going out, the Apparition said *Do the Message*. She answered, *I will, so soon as God shall inable me*, and it said *Be not affraid*, continued the Apparition, and so vanished; and she cryed *Mother, Mother*, and then her Mother and some other friends came in.

Fourthly, The said Apparition appeared to the said Maid on *Thursday* in the evening, between the aforesaid hours of five and six; she being at a Neighbours house, but said nothing to her. This was taken from the Maids own mouth, by me.

Richard Wilkison.

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